

## HOCKEY (18.9)

The Canadian Hockey Association (CHA) Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by the NBIAA. In this case the NBIAA rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### Special Provisions:

While the rules governing the conduct of hockey shall be provided by Hockey Canada (HC); a number of modifications outlined below shall take precedence over HC rules.

### NBIAA - MODIFICATIONS

1. All coaching staff of hockey teams must be certified by the NBIAA and must wear CSA approved helmets during on-ice practices for insurance purposes.
2. High school hockey shall be administered with the following dates:

**September 20:** tryouts begin (all players must sign the Waiver & Release Liability cards before they tryout)

**October 15:** Date to register or withdraw from hockey with the NBIAA.

**October 20:** Teams can start exhibition games/tournaments, which count towards the game limit.

**November 1:** Deadline for all bench/team personnel to take the HNB certification for Respect in Sport (or Speak Out) & the head coach to take the University Safety Course (expires after 5 years). If team personnel is not certified by December 15th, they will not be able to coach until they have taken and passed the course(s).

**November 10** or the second Friday in November, whichever comes first : league play begins (No team involved in a fall sport provincial championship is forced to play on this date.)

**November 15:** Team personnel forms are to be submitted online through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). All bench staff and schools advisor's name(s) must be submitted using the NBIAA online system.

**January 15:** Deadline to add an associate player with HNB.

**February 1st:** Deadline for late additions to team personnel form.

Schools will be allowed to play in a piloted jamboree with the following guidelines:

- a) Maximum of three (3) 20 minute games prior to October 20th and counts as one exhibition game.
- b) Ensure the NB Safety Guidelines are adhered to.

**Number of Games Permitted** – A team shall be limited to 40 games (including exhibition, jamboree, tournament and league play). All games in the regional and provincial playoffs shall not be counted in the 40 game limit. \* The minimum guaranteed games per team at a tournament will count towards the season limit.

If you have playoffs that are best 2 out of 3, 2 games count and if they are best 3 out of 5, 3 games count.

The league playoffs for girls and boys must be completed by the Sunday prior to the Regionals. The provincial championships will be held one week later.

3. High school teams shall be permitted to dress 20 players for a game, if 20 players are dressed two (2) must be goaltenders.
4. Association between the NBIAA and HNB will be as follows:
  - Female – NBIAA can associate to the following HNB teams – Female (U15 AA, U15 AAA, U18 AA, U18 AAA) and U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA, U18 A, U18 AA.
  - Female – HNB registered female (U13 A, U13 AA, U15 A, U15 AA, U15 AAA, U18 A, U18 AA) and U13 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA, U15 C, U15 B, U15 A and U15 AA players can associate to the NBIAA.
  - Male – NBIAA can associate to Junior C, Junior B, Junior A and U18 Major AAA.
  - Male – *U15 AAA, U15 AAA Major*, U15 AA, U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U16 AAA, U18 AA, U18 A, U18 B and U18 C can associate with NBIAA.

Players will be able to associate for a maximum of 10 games and would exclude exhibition games and/or exhibition tournaments games. All association rules would follow Hockey Canada (Regulation E) and HNB Guidelines.

Associated players used by a team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or team roster.

If a player is registered in any Hockey Canada/USA Seniors, Juniors, U18 Major AAA on December 1st or later, they are ineligible for NBIAA hockey for the remainder of the season.

5. The registration procedure is as follows: Each high school team must register using the NBIAA Online System and submit the team roster using the HCR prior to their first league game, but no later than midnight of November 15. Before they tryout, all players must sign the Waiver & Release Liability cards, which can be found online. No WAIVER and RELEASE LIABILITY cards of a player who is under 18 at the time of registration will be deemed valid unless countersigned by their parent or guardian. The WAIVER and RELEASE cards MUST be kept by the School Principal.  
The NBIAA will invoice each school to pay the participation fees. The school will issue a cheque payable to the NBIAA.
6. Every team MUST have a staff advisor, designated staff personnel or security at all home games and are encouraged for playoffs, regionals and championships. The staff advisor's name(s) must be submitted using the NBIAA online system by November 15th.
7. The NBIAA will only use NBHOA officials to officiate NBIAA games. For all NBIAA games, 4 officials must be used for boys and 3 officials must be used for girls. If the proper number of officials cannot be obtained for exhibition games, approval must be granted by the NBIAA after consultation with the NBHOA. Goal judges will not be used for any NBIAA playoffs, Regional or Provincial. If leagues agree to use goal judges, they must be a certified official.
8. Time out rule: One 30-second time-out per period will be permitted (including OT). A request for a time-out can only be made by the Captain, Alternate captains or coaches to the referee. This request cannot be refused by the referee.
9. Protective Equipment: In all games, warm-ups and practices a CSA approved helmet and facemask and a BNQ throat protector must be worn by all players and goalkeepers. All goalkeepers must wear a throat protector that is attached to the facemask. A 10 minute misconduct penalty will be issued to those not following this rule.
10. Icing - A team that is in violation of icing shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing face-off. Should the offending team elect to utilize their team time-out at this stoppage of play, they are still not permitted to make any player substitutions. However, a team shall be permitted to make a player substitution to replace a goalkeeper who had been substituted for an extra attacker, to replace an injured player, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the on-ice strength of either team.
11. The playing time for all boys games will be three (3) 20 minute stop time periods and the playing time for all girls games shall be three (3) 15minute\* stop time periods. \*In leagues where possible and may play up to 18 minutes (which must be determined at the start of the season). A suspended game shall be resumed as soon as possible at the exact point of suspension of the original game, unless both coaches agree to which the original score stands. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.
12. Overtime: If a league chooses to play overtime and for all Regional and Provincial Playoffs (with the exception of the Provincial Championship final game), it will be as follows: 1 five (5) minute overtime period consisting of three on three players, followed by a three player shootout. No player can shoot twice until all players (except goalies) on the roster have participated in the shootout. The winner will receive 2 points and the non-winner receives one (1) point. The Provincial Championship final game's overtime will be 3 vs 3 format until sudden death
13. The recommended minimum number of players dressed for a game be eleven (11) players including one goaltender.
14. Mercy Rule - Straight time will be run in the last 10 minutes of the game when there is a 6 goal lead, but if both coaches agree, they may play the remainder of the game to which the final score counts.
15. Video requirements for all hockey and video review policy:

- a) Both male & female teams will be responsible to record the game at two different angles. Video is still required even if the game is being streamed by another group.
- b) All games must be kept for a minimum of 7 days.
- c) Upon request from the NBIAA, clips of major incidents (timestamped) must be submitted by both teams to offer two angles of play within 24 hours. Teams unable to provide the requested video will be issued a fine of \$250 for the 1st offence and \$500 for each additional.
- d) Clips submitted must only include the captured infractions for which the major incident occurred.
- e) The NBIAA will determine if further review is required by the NBHOA.
- f) Decisions made in the video review process will have no impact on the game played, but further suspensions may occur.
- g) All video review decisions will be final and will not be subject to appeal.
- h) Video may be shared with the NBHOA and could be used as an education / development tool.
- i) Please read further on Video Review policy in Appendix 8

**Regional & Provincial**

The higher seed team is the home team. If both #1 teams or both #2 teams meet, then the host region is the home team.

**Regional Format** - To be determined by each league coordinator and approved by the NBIAA. For regions playing a best of 3 format, we recommend that game 1 of the series be played by the Tuesday prior to the Regional weekend.

**Provincial Play-Off Format** - The NBIAA Championships will be declared by a Round Robin Tournament Format with the top two teams advancing from each region.

	Boys	Girls	Recommended Times & Schedule	
			Away	Home
Friday	4pm	5pm	Host region 2	vs Guest region 1
	7pm	7pm	<i>Host region 1 vs Guest region 2 (2024 change)</i>	
Saturday	9am	10am	Guest region 2	vs Guest region 1
	12pm	12pm	Host region 2	vs Host region 1
	5pm	5pm	Guest region 2	vs Host region 2
	8pm	7pm	Guest region 1	vs Host region 1
Sunday	1pm	1pm	Championship Game	

**Play in March Break** - Each league will decide if they will play over March break and the decision will be determined prior to the schedule being sent out.

**Conference Leagues' Responsibilities**

Leagues MUST declare their two top seeded teams by the Sunday prior to the Regionals. Failing to do this, the Executive Director will declare the two top teams in League Play as the conference representatives that will advance to provincial play.

**Financial Obligations to the NBIAA**

Admission must be charged to all spectators attending the Regionals and Provincial Hockey Championships. Regional tournaments and Provincial ticket prices per session - \$6/adults, \$4/ students (13 and over), \$20/adult tournament pass. A session consists of two games (Friday, Saturday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday final). School season passes are not honored at NBIAA Regionals or Championships.

The NBIAA Financial Report Form must be submitted by **April 15** of each year. **Failure to do so will result in a \$1000 fine.**

**Coaching Certification**

All head coaches must obtain a minimum certification of Development 1 by December 15th. All coaches are required to complete the Hockey Canada Coach 2 course **before** the start of the

season and will not be permitted to be on the bench until they are certified. One bench staff from each team **must** also be certified at the Hockey University online Safety Course by December 15th, if not, the team will be ineligible for all games, practices and sanctioned activities. All volunteers will be required to take the online Respect in Sport course, as well as a Criminal Record Check. Completion of 2024 version of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' & CAC Making Headway courses are mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see O.R. 13. Coach certifications will be reviewed after December 15th and if courses are missing, the coach(es) will be removed from the bench until they can complete the course and the team will be issued a \$100 fine. Coaches receiving unsportsmanlike suspensions may also be asked to update a course

### Sanctioning Procedures

All schools must receive sanction by the NBIAA to play non-member teams. Alumni and fundraiser\* games are not permitted by Hockey Canada. All schools must send their schedules and out-of-province scoresheets to the NBIAA office. The sanctioning procedures of the NBIAA are clearly stated in **Article 3 of the NBIAA By-Laws**.

\*Fundraiser games against NBIAA hockey teams registered through Hockey Canada may be approved

Schools competing in international tournaments against non-member schools must pay a sanction fee of \$50 and they must submit all their tournament game sheets to the NBIAA office immediately following the tournament.

**Schools are reminded not to plan exhibition games or tournaments until they have received proper sanction.**

### NBIAA Member Tournaments

All NBIAA exhibition tournaments must be registered with the NBIAA three (3) weeks before the tournament. Tournament managers are required to enter their tournament games through the Gamesheet App under the NBIAA league. Schools in violation of this rule may be fined and the Executive Committee may levy additional penalties as it deemed warranted. The NBIAA will not sanction tournaments that are not registered on time.

### Participation Fees (Invoiced by the NBIAA)

\$70 per player and \$45 per coach/bench staff

Any additions to the team roster after the deadline will be assessed a late fee of \$100 plus the participation fee per player. All additions must be made by February 1st by contacting the NBIAA office.

\* Extenuating circumstances (i.e. goaltender injury) will be given special consideration.

### NBIAA Hockey – Guidelines for Suspensions

Hockey Canada rules are to be enforced for all games with the following modifications:

1. Copies of all notices of suspension must be sent to NBIAA Executive Director, Hockey Commissioner, school Athletic Director & Principal, NBIAA Conference President and HNB.
2. Team personnel ejected from a game for disciplinary measures shall be suspended from the remainder of that contest and the next played scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the suspension /ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, they will be suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games. Any further disciplinary action should come from the Hockey Coordinator, Conference Disciplinary Committee or the NBIAA. Any team personnel who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any played games (league, playoff, exhibition or tournament) in any capacity (i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.) until such suspension has been served in hockey. If all suspensions are not fully served in hockey\*, the remaining suspensions will carry over to the next NBIAA sport. \*Hockey suspensions remaining at the end of the hockey

season will be reviewed by the NBIAA Executive Director, President & Hockey Commissioner to determine how they will be served. In order to serve their remaining suspensions in the next NBIAA sport, athletes must have been part of the NBIAA sport in the previous year. Athletes and coaches can remain practicing until that suspension has been served. No additional competitions may be added to a team's schedule until after the suspension has been served. Team personnel may not participate /communicate with his/her team before a game / match, between periods, at half-time or after a game while serving a suspension. Such action will result in a minimum 5 game suspension. If a coach is ejected from a contest and an assistant coach or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as coach, the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

3. **Warm Ups** – the following actions will result in a 10-minute misconduct being issued to the offending player. If 3 misconducts are issued to a team, that coach will receive a game misconduct.
    - a) Not wearing a neck guard.
    - b) Wearing a helmet without the chin strap or facemask straps properly fastened.
    - c) Intentionally shooting a puck over the center line.
    - d) If a player/goalie touches the centerline.
    - e) If a player remains on the ice following the expiration of the 15-minute warm-up. 2 players per team will be permitted to pick up pucks without receiving a 10-minute misconduct.
  4. Hockey Canada playing rule 28 f. (stick infraction rule) applies in NBIAA High School hockey. Three (3) stick infractions in a game calls for a game ejection. For the purpose of applying this rule, the 5 stick penalties are: High Stick, Cross Check, Slashing, Butt-ending and Spearing.
  5. Any player accumulating 4 minor penalties in the same game will receive a game ejection.
  6. Any 10 minute misconduct issued following the completion of the game shall warrant a one game suspension.
  7. **Coach Accountability**
    - If a team receives 2 game misconducts (GM) (excluding 2 min. CFB + GM) in a game, the coach is advised that any additional GMs to their team will result in an automatic GM to the head coach.
- Fights** – Players participating in a fight will receive a suspension.
- If there is a fight, coaches will be given a verbal warning by the game official that if there are any additional fights, the head coach will be assessed a GM.
  - If another fight occurs in a subsequent stoppage of play in the same game, the head coach will be assessed a GM. However, if an instigator is identified in such subsequent fight, only the head coach of the instigating player will receive the GM.
  - If a player is identified as the instigator of a fight, the instigating player(s) will receive the minimum suspension, plus a 2 game suspension.
  - If a fight should occur in the last ten minutes of the game, those involved will receive an additional 2 game suspension.
8. All digital game sheets signed by officials can be viewed by the League Coordinator within 24 hrs or no later than the next school day. Failure to finalize the digital game sheet will result in the levying of an administrative fee of \$25 per game sheet, which stays within each conference.
  9. Suspensions will be handed down by the league coordinator for any games involving teams in their conference.
  10. All suspensions begin immediately and include the next played "scheduled" NBIAA sanctioned exhibition, league, tournament and/or play-off games.
  11. Suspended players / team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.
  12. The NBIAA will honour all suspensions levied under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick.

13. The following strike system will be in place at the start of every hockey season and will be reviewed on a case by case basis:

Only the major penalties listed within the Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per 5 years of Eligibility, excluding coach suspensions will be included in the total number of game suspensions

- ⇒ Strike 1 – A team has a total of 20 game suspensions:
- School staff representative must attend all games;
  - A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA refresher course for all bench staff must be taken within 72 hours of Strike 1 notice;
  - Fair Play Codes for Athletes & Coaches must be reviewed and signed by all within 72 hours of Strike 1 notice.
- ⇒ Strike 2 – A team has a total of 30 game suspensions:
- School staff representative must always be near the bench;
  - HNB Respect in Sport refresher course for all bench staff must be taken within 72 hours of Strike 2 notice;
  - The team is put on probation;
  - Performance bond of \$750 must be received at the NBIAA office within 7 days of Strike 2 notice;
  - Additional suspensions may be issued to players and coaches based on team history.
- ⇒ Strike 3 – A team has a total of 40 game suspensions:
- Forfeiture of the performance bond;
  - The team is no longer eligible;
  - Coaches and/or players may be suspended next season.

In preparation for next season, all teams in Strike 2 or Strike 3 in the current season must submit to the NBIAA their plan of action indicating how they will change the culture of their hockey program.

Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per Season		Accumulative Major Suspensions		
HC Rule No.	Infraction	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
4.7	3rd 10 Minute Misconduct - season	1 game	Doubles with each subsequent; 4th=2 games, 5th=4 games, 6th=8 games, etc.	
4.7 C	Second misconduct in the same game	1 game		
4.8 C	Game Misconduct - Last 10 minutes	1 game		
7.2 B	* <b>Boarding</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.3 B	* <b>Body Checking</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.4 B	* <b>Charging</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.4 B	* Charging Goaltender	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.5 B	* <b>Checking from Behind (5m + GM)</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.5 B	* <b>Checking from Behind (non-checking game)</b>	4 games	8 games	Indefinite
7.6 B	* <b>Head Contact</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.8 B	* <b>Kneeing</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
7.9 B	* <b>Roughing</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
8.1 B	<b>Holding</b>	1 game		
8.2 B	<b>Hooking</b>	1 game		
8.3/8.4/ 8.5 B	* <b>Interference / Protection of Goaltender</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
8.6 B	* <b>Tripping</b>	1 game		
8.7 B	* <b>Clipping</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
9.2 B	* <b>Cross-Checking</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
9.3 B	* <b>Slashing</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
	<i>In addition to the minimum suspension, any player receiving 2 <b>major</b> penalties in the same season, for any of the infractions* = 1st offence; 3 penalties = 2nd offence.</i>	3 games	Indefinite	
	Any team that receives 2 or more penalties in the same game, for any of the infractions*, the coach receives the 1st offence; the 2nd violation, the coach will receive the 2nd offence and the 3rd violation, the coach will receive the 3rd offence. Coordinators must consult with the NBIAA Hockey Commissioner prior to awarding coach suspensions. Additional coach education may be requested.	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
10.5 B	* <b>Throwing / Shooting a Stick/Object</b>	2 games	4 games	Indefinite
Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per 5 years of Eligibility		Accumulative Major Suspensions		
HC Rule No.	Infraction	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
4.9 B	* Gross Misconduct - Last 10 minutes	1 additional game		
7.1 B	* Pulling hair or grabbing face mask / helmet/ chin strap	3 games	6 games	Indefinite
7.1 C	* <b>Attempts to Injure or Deliberate Injury (Match)</b>	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		
	In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 match penalties in the same season for any infractions*.	6 games		
	Any player receiving 3 match penalties for any of the infractions*.	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		
7.2 C	* <b>Boarding (Match)</b>	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		
7.3 C	* <b>Body Checking (Match)</b>	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		
7.4 C	* <b>Charging (Match)</b>	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		
7.5 C	* <b>Checking from Behind (Match)</b>	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		
7.6 C	* <b>Head Contact (Match)</b>	<b>Indefinite until further review</b>		

Minimum Guidelines for Suspensions per 5 years of Eligibility		Accumulative Major Suspensions		
HC Rule No.	Infraction	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
7.8 C	* Kneeing (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
7.9 C	* Roughing (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
7.10	* Fighting	Indefinite until further review		
7.10 E	* Player(s) 2nd, 3rd, 4th man into fight	Indefinite until further review		
7.10 E	* Second Fight- Same Stoppage of Play	Indefinite until further review		
7.10 F	* Fighting with team official (Gross Misconduct)	Indefinite until further review		
	Any coach whose team engages in two or more fights in a game	1 game (2 games in last 10 min)	3 games (4 games in last 10 mins)	Indefinite
7.11	Instigator or Aggressor of a fight	Indefinite until further review		
	The coach of a team whose player is penalized for a 3rd offence of Instigator or Aggressor	3 games		
8.3/8.4/ 8.5 C	* Interference (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
8.8 C	* Slew Footing (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
9.1 C	* Butt-Ending (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
9.2 C	* Cross-Checking (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
9.3 C	* Slashing (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
9.4 C	* Spearing (Match)	Indefinite until further review		
10.4 E	* Leaving bench/penalty bench for (or during) a fight	5 games	Indefinite	
	The coach of the team whose player is penalized for being the first to leave the players bench or penalty bench during a fight or start a fight.	4 games		
	* Any player who leaves the players' bench or penalty box during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty for his actions shall also incur an automatic Game Misconduct penalty.	4 games	Indefinite	
	The coach whose player left the players or penalty bench during a fight and is assessed a Major or Misconduct penalty	3 games		
	The coach whose player left the players or penalty bench, but is not identified as the first to leave the bench during an ice altercation.	2 games		
	Team Official getting on the ice - Game Misconduct	3 games		
	Game Misconduct - Coach fails to hold bench at end of game when penalties are being called	1 game	2 games	Indefinite
10.5 C	* Throwing / Shooting Stick/Object	Indefinite until further review		
<b>MALTREATMENT</b>				
11.1 E	* Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Player/Coach/Personnel	1 game	2 games	Indefinite
	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season	4 games	3rd = Indefinite	
11.2 E	* Disrespectful & Abuse Behavior - Players (Game misconduct only)	4 games	6 games	Indefinite
11.2 E	* Disrespectful & Abuse Behavior - Coach/Team Official (Game misconduct only)	6 games	10 games	Indefinite
	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	6 games	3rd = Indefinite	
11.2 F	* Disrespectful & Abuse Behavior - (Gross misconduct)	Indefinite until further review		
11.3 C	* Spitting - Match Penalty	Indefinite until further review		
11.4	* Gross Misconduct - Discriminatory Grounds	Indefinite until further review		
11.5	* Physical Harassment of Officials - Match Penalty	Indefinite until further review		